

FIRE CAUSED GREAT ALARM

Blaze around Chimney in Hill-side Apartment House at Montpelier.

WOMEN BECAME HYSTERICAL

About 25 Families in Building—Flames Quickly Extinguished but House Filled with Smoke—Frightened Inmates Hiding in Second Alarm after All Was Over.

Montpelier, Jan. 29.—The fire department was called out this evening by a chimney fire in the Hillside apartment house owned by M. E. Smith. The blaze was around the chimney and was put out with extinguishers, no water being thrown. About 25 families live in this house and some of the women became hysterical when the smoke filled the room with smoke. The damage was minimal.

A half hour after the alarm was sounded, a second one was turned in from the same box for a frightened inmate of the block for whom chief Wahlen is looking. The second alarm was entirely needless.

UNNATURAL MOTHER IS TO GO TO STATE PRISON.

Mrs. Matilda Barrett of Woodbury was convicted in Montpelier court January 11 of cruelty to her young children, of whom she has a brood, and was sentenced to not less than one year nor more than 18 months at hard labor in State's prison at Windsor. Because there was no one to care for her children and as the woman promised to do better, Judge Harvey suspended execution of her sentence and placed her in the hands of Fred B. Thomas, probation officer. She did not profit by the chance that was given her and as she continued in her unnatural ways she was re-arrested this afternoon by Mr. Thomas and placed under arrest at Woodbury. Deputy Sheriff Lakin will take her to the prison for her original sentence.

APPEARS TO BE A SMOOTH SWINDLER.

B. L. Ingalls Charged with Jumping Board Bill at Rutland and "Stealing" New Made Friends.

Rutland, Jan. 29.—B. L. Ingalls, who was arrested at Greenfield, Mass., Tuesday on request of the Rutland police, charged with jumping a board bill of \$18 at the Rutland hotel, was arraigned in court this afternoon and placed under \$500 bail for hearing next Monday. He entered a plea of not guilty. Ingalls' bail from Camden, N. J. He could not furnish bail. He appears to be a crook of the sharpest kind. By displaying cards of membership in the Mills and other organizations, he got into the confidence of several "real men" and is said to have "stung" all his new-made friends for a few dollars.

OUTWITTED PAIR GREATER.

Rutland Policemen John W. Brinkley and a great surprise on a professional and individual two houses yesterday. Using for his own home, Brinkley's wife, for days, Brinkley noticed in the morning that the stranger had been in the house. He started for the house and when the stranger boarded the train as it was pulling out the officer shot at him. When the train rounded a sharp curve the officer struck his head out of a window and saw the rider steady on a blind fold of a language at which, at Rutland, Brinkley rushed to the house and intercepted the man, who gave him the name of Edward Porter, just as he was leaving the car. He was a very young, surprised man when the Rutland officer, whom he knew by sight, appeared. Porter was taken to the House of Correction for 32 days by city judge Denworth this morning.

WOMAN'S HAT CAUGHT FIRE.

Mrs. Charles Hutchinson of Center Rutland had a narrow escape from being burned in the street today when waiting for a car. While waiting, she saw a fire in her hat. She started for the car and when she reached it she found the hat on fire. She was rescued by a passerby who threw water on the hat. The hat was destroyed.

FOUND DYING AT FOOT OF A CLIFF.

Rutland, Jan. 29.—It was learned here today that John Dunn of West Rutland, aged 77 years, yesterday fell over a cliff about 40 feet high on Stanley mountain, in that town, and

COULDN'T MOVE ARMS OR LEGS

A Detroit Contractor, Believed to Be Dying of Rheumatism, Cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

Mr. George M. Glading, a contractor, of 16 Dunsmuir street, Detroit, Mich., and a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, Camp 957, of Custer, is certain that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills saved his life. He says: "In my younger days I was in charge of men getting out timber in northern Michigan and was exposed to all kinds of weather and for years had never spared myself from work or exposure. As a result of this and stomach trouble, I was completely run down during the spring of 1903 and fell an easy victim to an attack of rheumatism. I had the services of two doctors in Detroit, who, after attending me for several months, said I could never get well. By this time I was helpless, my entire body seemed to be paralyzed and I couldn't move my arms or legs.

"The doctors advised me to go to my old home in Custer where I could be cared for during the remaining few days or weeks I had to live. My lodge met me and I went home, where I had a nurse and employed our family physician to give me what he could, although he agreed with the doctors of Detroit, that I could not live. As I lay in bed I thought there must be something radically wrong in the treatment I was getting. I had no desire to quit life at my age and decided to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which I had heard some relatives say they had used. I bought one dozen boxes and commenced to take them at once, following the directions in every particular. For two weeks it was a life and death struggle, but Dr. Williams' Pink Pills finally won, for I began to have some feeling in my feet. After using the pills for six weeks I could walk across the room and six weeks later was doing light work. My friends and doctors were dumbfounded at my recovery. That was nearly four years ago and today I am employing more men than I used to and am working longer and harder than ever before.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by all druggists, or will be sent, postpaid, on receipt of price, 50 cents per box; six boxes for \$2.50, by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

CRUSHED BY LOAD OF LOGS.

Chester, Jan. 29.—Albert Hurd, who works for Lewis Burnham of Andover, was going to the mill with 100 feet of logs yesterday afternoon, when in this village the sled slipped from the log road. The load and driver went down the bank several feet. Hurd suffered a broken arm and several broken ribs, and was badly bruised. It is feared that there are internal injuries. The young man was taken to his home some six or eight miles distant.

ACCUSED OF SHOOTING A DOE IN FLETCHER.

St. Albans, Jan. 29.—Another alleged deer shooting case came to light today. Respondents being George Lowell and Edward Taylor of Fletcher, who are accused of shooting a doe in their town on the 13th inst. The men named are said to have shot the doe with a .30 and .32 and before the day was over the doe was found dead near their place. The men were arrested by Sheriff Jones of Fletcher, and were arraigned before Judge W. H. Moroy of East Freetown, State Attorney Tupper representing the respondents were each bound in the sum of \$500 for appearance before the March term of Franklin county court.

SUPREME COURT CASES.

Montpelier, Jan. 29.—In supreme court this morning arguments were completed in the Franklin county case of E. W. Whelan vs. Myrtle McArthur, et al. The Windsor county case, in re estate of Edna P. Watkins, Lucinda Watkins, executrix, Henry E. Scott and W. P. Watkins, was next taken up. This case is appealed from probate court and is a different case from most cases of this kind it comes to supreme court on the question whether a recent decision in supreme court applies to it. This afternoon the Rutland county case of George H. Goodrich, executor of Charles D. Goodrich vs. the Rutland Savings bank and H. Isenold (Trustee, common enemy, was taken up. At the March term, 1907, in Rutland county court the plaintiff was awarded damages of \$13,000. The case comes to the higher court on exceptions by defendant.

"I have been somewhat covetous, but God's Republic gave just the results I needed. I am perfectly cured and regulate the bowels perfectly."—George H. Krause, 306 Walnut Ave., Altoona, Pa.

COMMITMENTS UNDER LICENSE

Average of Almost 1,000 a Year at House of Correction since 1903.

BEFORE THEN IT WAS 300

Figures Compiled by Supt. D. L. Morgan Show Double the Number of Commitments for Last Half of Prison's 30 Years' Existence.

Rutland, Jan. 29.—Supt. D. L. Morgan has been looking over the records at the House of Correction in order to make comparison of the number of commitments during the years since local action went into effect in the spring of 1903 with those of years previous. There have been 10,173 commitments in the House of Correction since 1903 in the county jail or a total of 12,173 in both institutions since the prison was founded in 1878. During the last 15 years, which covers the period during which Mr. Morgan has been at its head, there have been 6,578 House of Correction commitments and 2,888 jail commitments, which gives a total of 9,466 commitments for the last half of the 30 years of the institution's existence or nearly double the number of the first 15 years. Since local option became effective in 1903, the House of Correction has received 6,578 commitments, a total of 4,920 jail commitments, a total of 11,500. This is an average of almost a thousand a year for the years of local option while the average for the 15 years previous was 350.

MONTEPELIER WILL VOTE NO.

Business and Professional Men Declare Themselves Against Saloons.

Montpelier, Jan. 29.—After two years of actual suppression of the traffic in intoxicating liquors such as was never known in Montpelier under the old prohibition law, the business men, citizens and taxpayers are satisfied with present conditions, with the way the license law has been enforced in this city under a dry regime, and in all probability Montpelier will again be found in the no license column next March.

The Free Press correspondent has within the past few days talked with a considerable number of the business and professional men of the city and, almost without exception, they are opposed to a return to license in Montpelier. Several spoke in terms of praise of the manner in which the law has been enforced in Montpelier during the past two years, and of the part State's Attorney Benjamin Gray and the sheriff and police departments have taken in securing such enforcement.

WINDSOR COUNTY CASE IN SUPREME COURT.

Montpelier, Jan. 29.—The closing arguments in the Windsor county case began yesterday were completed in supreme court this morning after which a recess was taken until next Tuesday morning at nine o'clock.

COURT SUSTAINS DECISION.

Liquor Condemned at Sunderland Was According to Law. Denimington, Jan. 29.—In county court today, Judge Hamilton gave his decision in the Sunderland liquor case which has created considerable interest in this section and which has been watched closely by the wholesale trade in Vermont. The suit came to court on an appeal from the decision of a justice who condemned the liquor seized July 19 at the second class license saloon conducted by Merle S. Pike in Sunderland. C. J. Ferguson of Burlington, leader of the Vermont Anti-Saloon League, was instrumental in instituting the search which was made on the ground that the liquor was not taxed by Pike, but by Thomas and Edward Morrissey, residents of Arlington. The justice condemned the liquor, valued at about \$2,500, on the ground named in the warrant and his decision is sustained by Judge Hamilton. The case was taken to the supreme court on exceptions by Pike, and a stay of proceedings was accordingly taken on the order that the liquors be destroyed.

MAHAN TAKEN TO PRISON.

Alfred Mahan, the murderer of his little niece at New Benning, last April and against whom a verdict in the second degree was returned last Saturday, was today taken to Windsor to begin his life sentence at the State Prison.

DEATH IN CUPID'S WAKE.

Bridegroom, Bride and Six Others at Wedding Are Dead. Utica, N. Y., Jan. 28.—Miss Jessie Young, who resided in Hammond, St. Lawrence county, where she was a preceptress in a high school, became the bride of Harry W. Scott of Black River, five years ago. Since then eight of the principals in the wedding party have died, the list including the bride and bridegroom and their respective mothers, the bride's sister, Cora, who was her bridesmaid, the Rev. C. E. Green, the officiating clergyman, and Fred Finch, the musician, who played the wedding march. At the family home in North Hammond yesterday occurred the death of Mrs. Norman L. Young, an aunt of the bride, which makes the eighth death in the list of family circle.

SPIRITUALISTS END MEETINGS

Queen City Park Association Reported Nearly Free from Debt.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS SOON

Some of Next Summer's Speakers Announced—Large Audiences at Closing Sessions—Mrs. Chapman of Cambridge Acting President.

Montpelier, Jan. 29.—The annual convention of the State Spiritualist Association closed this evening with an audience that crowded Grand Army hall to its full capacity. The speakers at the three sessions today were Mrs. James Crockett of Duxbury, Mass., chairman of the president, and Mrs. Helen P. Russell of Cambridge, Mass., acting president. Mrs. Chapman of Cambridge acted as secretary and presided over the sessions. In addition to her addresses.

At the session this afternoon, Dr. S. N. Gould of Randolph made a statement of the financial condition of the Queen City Park association, which was most favorable. Dr. Gould is confident that in another year the indebtedness of the Queen City Park association will be extinguished and after this is done extensive improvements will be made to the property there.

Following a conference Saturday morning, an address was given by Mrs. James Crockett of Duxbury, Mass., secretary of the National Spiritualist Association. From August 11 to August 29, W. J. Colville will be present and from August 30 to September 1, Dr. S. N. Gould of Randolph, Conn., will be present. The next day, J. C. Wright of Ohio will also be here for the last two weeks. The music during the camp meeting will be in charge of Miss Ida B. Bond of Worcester.

STATE OFFICERS ELECTED.

Following the address Saturday afternoon, officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. E. L. Chapman of Cambridge; vice-president, E. L. Crockett of Duxbury; secretary, Mrs. E. J. Fallon of Montpelier; treasurer, Don H. Chapman of Cambridge; auditor, E. J. Fallon of Montpelier; board of managers, J. L. Smith of St. Albans, Mrs. Ellen B. Ward of South Hero, Mrs. Bella Hutchins of East Freetown, Dr. S. N. Gould of Randolph, J. C. Wright of Ohio, Montpelier, S. S. Smith of Barre, A. P. Hubbard of Tyson, Mrs. Lizzie Childs of Montpelier and Mrs. Nellie Shaw of Morrisville.

LABOR TAKES NEW STAND

That Party in Rutland Adopts Platform for Spring Election Cycle Improvement Lines.

Rutland, Jan. 29.—Labor in this city has taken a new stand as regards its political action in adopting a new platform for the coming election cycle. The new platform is to be used in connection with the spring election which has for its chief purpose the improvement of the city.

MAY PAY EVERY DOLLAR.

Proposition to Be Submitted Creditors of Vt. Creameries Co.

St. Albans, Jan. 29.—It now looks as though the financial troubles, which have been hanging over the Vermont Creameries Company, would be soon settled to the satisfaction of all concerned and payments made in full dollar for dollar, for all indebtedness, providing the creditors, particularly the farmers, have patience.

TALK OF WINDING UP THE NATIONAL CAR CO.

Reported It Will Pay \$5 to \$10 a Share on \$3,500,000 of Stock—Burlington Has \$250,000. Montpelier, Jan. 29.—About \$500,000 worth of stock in the National Car company of St. Albans is held in Burlington, about \$50,000 in St. Albans and \$250,000 in Burlington. It is said this company is preparing to wind up its affairs and go out of business and it is reported it will pay from \$5 to \$10 a share on its capital stock of \$3,500,000. The owners of the stock in Montpelier purchased it at between \$5 and \$10 a share. This stock in the past has sold 10 per cent. dividends and has sold for \$150 per share.

CHURCH OBSERVES A DOUBLE ANNIVERSARY.

St. Johnsbury Universalists Organized Parish and Dedicated Church of the Messiah 40 and 35 Years Ago. St. Johnsbury, Jan. 29.—The Church of the Messiah (Universalists) observed today the double anniversary of the establishment of the parish and the dedication of the present church edifice. The pastor, the Rev. A. Francis Welch, preached a sermon this morning on the theme, "Old Paths and New Men," and in the evening

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MONEY IS NOW ABUNDANT

Commercial Loans at Easy Terms—Mills Working on Next Fall and Winter Goods—Retail Trade—Profit Little.

New York, Jan. 29.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade for tomorrow says:

More manufacturing plants have resumed and money is abundant at easy terms, but business feels the weakened purchasing power of the thousands still unemployed. As it becomes possible to make commercial loans at six per cent, there is a disposition to extend operations, many mills now preparing for distribution next fall and winter. Retail trade in seasonal heavy weight wear is apparent has been retarded by mild weather and stocks are piled up in bargain sales that return little profit. Imports have arrived in large numbers in the local jobbing dry goods market, placing fair orders at the lower prices named on some descriptions, and this forward business was also liberal at other large centers. Mercantile collections continue to improve, although still backward in many points. Industrial news is slightly more encouraging on the whole, but there is much idle machinery and the cash output has been curtailed on that account together with the tardiness of winter.

Railway earnings for two weeks of January were 14 per cent. less than a year ago, which shows a more potent in the stock market than any money securities dealing over one dollar per share. Bank exchanges at New York were 2.3 per cent. less than in the same week last year, while at other leading cities the decrease was 3 per cent.

Failures for the week in the United States were 415 compared with 28 last year and in Canada 41 against 17 a year ago.

Middlebury, Jan. 29.—The divorce petition of Mary Tyrel vs. William Tyrel, was granted today by Judge W. W. Miller. Mrs. Tyrel, who is both

COLLECTIONS BACKWARD.

Increased Disposition Is Noted to Discourage Wage Reductions.

New York, Jan. 29.—Broadstreets tomorrow will say:

Trade and industry are still quiet, commodity prices have quite generally moved downward, collections are backward, an increased quantity of railroad equipment is reported, also less satisfactory reports as to demand come from the iron and steel and coal industries, and an increased disposition is noted to discuss wage reductions as an offset to retarding production. The markets for securities have shown a trend feeling, despite the continued raising of money, increased eagerness of banks to place loans, and further proof that financial affairs are down to the normal.

Wholesale trade as a whole is slow to open, though heavy cuts in goods by western jobbers, coupled or exceeded by eastern jobbers, have aroused interest and attracted buying in these and kindred lines. Business failures for the week number 415 against 121 last week, 25 in the like week of 1907, 276 in 1906, 23 in 1905 and 24 in 1904.

COL. GEO. HARVEY ORATOR

St. Johnsbury G. A. R. Post Engraves Him for Memorial Day.

St. Johnsbury, Jan. 29.—Charles Post, No. 1, G. A. R., has engaged Col. George Harvey of New York as its Memorial day orator. Col. Harvey is a native of Peacham and, as is well known, is the editor of Harper's Weekly and the North American Review.

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